

CLEARFIELD COUNTY NATIONAL BANK & DIMELING HOTEL
(Dimeling Senior Residence)
1 North Second Street
Clearfield
Clearfield County
Pennsylvania

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- Location: 1 North Second Street, Clearfield, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania.
- Significance: The Clearfield County Bank and Dimeling Hotel was built in 1904 by the Beezer Brothers. The Renaissance Revival form and decoration of the seven-story structure made it a landmark among smaller scale structures of Clearfield. The building was constructed using a fireproof floor system patented by the Beezer Brothers.
- Description: This combination bank and hotel structure is seven-stories high with a flat roof. It is located on a corner lot and the two street elevations present highly ornamental facades. In keeping with Renaissance Revival commercial buildings at the turn of the twentieth-century, the bank/hotel is divided vertically into a base, shaft, and cornice. The heavy base features large cut limestone blocks and oversized round arch window openings. The banking hall is contained within this part of the structure with the hotel above. The bottom of the shaft is decorated by stone balconies supported by heavy carved brackets. The four floors of the shaft alternate vertically between red brick walls and ornate terra cotta three-sided bay windows. The highly decorative terra cotta cornice is also supported by decorative brackets. The other two facades are plain, utilitarian brick.
- History: The Clearfield County National Bank and Dimeling Hotel building was designed by the Beezer Brothers in 1904. It is one of five commercial buildings the brothers designed in Western Pennsylvania between 1900 and 1906. This building used their patented fireproof flooring system of hollow clay tiles connected directly to the masonry walls rather than to steel supports that twist when exposed to intense heat.
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